



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: 'No prophet is ever accepted in his own country' – Luke 4:21-30**

Our Gospel this week follows on immediately from where we left off last week with Jesus teaching in the Synagogue. It is a brilliant example of how fickle our hearts can be. At the start of the passage the crowd are 'astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips' but by the end they are trying to throw Jesus off a cliff! It's all going well whilst Jesus speaks word of comfort but once He starts to challenge them a little and suggest that they may need to think differently, they soon turn against Him. If we are truly honest, do we recognise this in ourselves? How often have we admired someone until they say something that challenges us to look beyond our own experience and maybe have to change our opinion? We can easily become angry with God when He doesn't do things our way! But we hear in this passage that Jesus slips away from the crowd and we know that He returns to teach and heal among them again. Thankfully God is not fickle, He doesn't change His mind about us and no matter how many times we push Him away, He returns to us time and time again to offer hope and healing.

**Lord, thank You for Your faithful love that never gives up on us. Increase our wisdom and capacity to love so that we can be faithful too. Amen**

## **Diocesan Inspection**

We have received notice from the Diocese of Lancaster that there is to be a denominational inspection of Corpus Christi on Monday 28 February and Tuesday 1 March. The inspection will evaluate the Catholic Life of our school and the quality of provision and outcomes for Religious Education. We will have three inspectors working with us over the two days of the inspection. Mr Phil Mooney, who is to lead the inspection, is very keen to hear the views of parents and has asked me to distribute a parental questionnaire which will be sent home with all pupils on Monday. All parents/carers are asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to school in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Mr P Mooney no later than Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## **UKMT 25th Anniversary Mathematics Challenge**

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) runs nationwide competitions that encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. This year was a special 25th Anniversary Challenge and pupils in 81E took part in the challenge on Tuesday 25th January. All pupils were awarded with participation certificates and our highest scoring pupils were: Amber Houldgreaves, Kyle Procter, Umar Bangi, Benjamin Czirbulu and Vinayak Ratheesh. Well done to all pupils that took part.

## **Extended Learning Day**

On Friday 28 January all pupils took part in our third 'Extended Learning Day' of the academic year.

**Year 7:** A very engaging history day concentrated on Medieval England and particularly castles and heraldry from over 1,000 years ago. Pupils were asked to build a model medieval castle and in art they had to design a Heraldic Shield. Medieval food was also explored with pupils learning about the types of meals that people of different classes might have eaten, cooking pottage (a traditional soup/ stew), oatcakes and a non-alcoholic mulled wine.

**Year 8:** Science and Religious Education was the focus of learning as pupils visited The Science and Industry Museum and the Jewish Museum in Manchester. The whole year group managed to visit both museums. Whilst visiting the recently refurbished Jewish Museum, pupils learnt about the Jewish faith, explored Manchester's rich and diverse Jewish history and looked at universal themes of Journeys, Communities and Identities. Pupils were able to appreciate different places of worship, visiting the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. Pupils then explored 250 years of innovations and ideas that started life in Manchester and went on to change the world in the Science and Industry Museum. They looked at industrial innovations, scientific discoveries and saw how the city's heritage is interwoven with the cotton industry in the Textiles Gallery.

**Year 9:** Activities based around Careers, provided our Year 9 pupils with information and resources to help decide on their Options. It began with an introduction in the Hall from Mr Warham who advised pupils to think carefully and consider what they are good at, what they think they will enjoy and the career opportunities when choosing their options. Pupils took part in workshops from external providers such as 'Future U', who gave guidance on revision and study skills. Careers advisors helped to support pupils in trying to discern what their road ahead might be, with further education providers from Preston and Newman College on hand to answer any questions. They also visited an 'Options Carousel' in the sports hall, where Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to speak to Year 10 pupils already studying the various option subjects and ask their peers about a subject, what they like about it and how they see that subject helping them move towards their career aspirations.

**Year 10:** Pupils explored topic of 'Prevent'. Prevent is one of the four strands of CONTEST, which is the UK Government's Counter-Terrorism strategy. Pupils explored how people can be drawn into radicalism, and how we can look to eliminate it by building community cohesion. They looked at case studies and their previous opinions about radicalism and terrorism were challenged, in particular in terms of who is responsible for it and how, where and when it takes place. Pupils discussed some controversial and emotive topics, but listened and respected each other's opinions in a mature manner, remembering that our approach towards each other and everything we do has the Gospel values at their core.

**Year 11:** Mathematics was the subject focus for our year 11 pupils, working in their sets, they started the day with a revision session incorporating the topics on their Mock Assessment. Then they tested their knowledge by completing Assessment Paper 3, before ending the day by looking at revision techniques.

## **Learner of the Week**

(Year 11) Mathew Mierzwa for having an exceptional attitude to learning and working really hard on his Music coursework; Tifani Ronto (Year 10) for her excellent work on descriptive writing and putting together a perfect paragraph; Nevaeh Kenworthy (Year 9) for producing excellent work based on Frida Kahlo in Art. Nevaeh has also completed a series of excellent homework's for Graphics; Cristal Tallant (Year 8) for writing an outstanding answer in history explaining the causes of the English Civil War; Jack Bolan (Year 7) for consistently working hard and showing effort, resulting in a significant improvement in his spelling test marks.

## **Cardinal Newman Open Day**

Cardinal Newman College are holding an Open Day on Saturday 5 February 10am-1pm. This event is being held on campus, giving pupils the opportunity to visit in person rather than virtually. You can register for the event on their [website](#).

## **Sports News**

**Football:** Our girls took part in their final games of the U14's football tournament on Wednesday. An exceptional performance from all our girls led to a goalless draw against a strong Archbishop Temple side, followed by an unfortunate 2 - 0 defeat against St Cecilia's. Maddison Price was Woman of the Match.

**Athletics:** The Year 7 secondary school indoor athletics competition was held on Wednesday at Preston College. Our pupils performed really well on the day competing in multiple events including sprinting, long jump, shot, vertical jump and speed bounce. The team consisted of Maariya Chohan, Mariam Chohan, Jessica Oliver, Gracie Swindlehurst, Arleen Custode, Halle Gregory, Lucy Lai, Shona Chimbizi, Amandio Moreira, Kieran Humphreys, Azino Osiriomo, Reece Kay, Malakai Kaila and Atawullah Ehsani.

**Basketball:** Our Year 8 teams played in the U13's Preston Basketball Competition, a tournament held over two nights. Our A team won both their games vs Ashton and Christ the King but the B team lost their first two to Ashton A and B teams. They both go into next week, the final stage of the tournament, with everything to play for. Nate Wilson stood out as the most valuable player, displaying some excellent lay ups and play.

## **New PE Kit Proposal**

We would like to propose a new PE uniform to replace our current one. We believe that the proposed uniform is of higher quality and importantly, better value for parents and carers. This would also provide an opportunity for pupils to have their initials on the kit, which would reduce the need to replace lost items. If after parental consultation we decide to proceed with a change to the PE uniform, it would be compulsory for Year 7 pupils starting in September 2022 and optional for Year 8-11. It would then be compulsory for all pupils from September 2023 to allow parents and carers a reasonable amount of time to purchase the new uniform. Attached to the newsletter is an [information guide](#) which outlines the cost of each item. The consultation period will end on Monday 28 February. If you would like to provide a response to the consultation, please email Mr Horn ([shorn@ccc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:shorn@ccc.lancs.sch.uk)).

## **'Forensics' @ UCLan**

On Wednesday this week, 30 pupils from Year 7 visited our local UCLan campus to attend a very interesting 'Forensic Investigation' workshop in the university's Young Scientist Centre, a state-of-the-art lab used to deliver interactive workshops, allowing young people to creatively explore science. Pupils experienced what it would be like to work in a forensics lab investigating a murder, with the suspect drinking a poisoned drink at a party. They received instructions from Jo Patel, STEM Education Officer, on how to evaluate the crime scene and analyse fibres, suspect DNA samples and modern molecular biological techniques, including restriction digests and gel electrophoresis. We would like to thank UCLan again for providing a highly interactive workshop with excellent hands-on practical forensic science experience.

## **Vacancies**

As our school continues to grow, we have several new job vacancies coming up, including support roles and a Teacher of Design Technology. If you are interested in joining our team, please keep an eye on our [vacancies page](#) or contact [Mrs Wallace](#) for more information.

## Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### Important Dates

Monday 7 February	Year 8 Outward Bounds Trip	8.30am
Tuesday 8 February	Year 9 DTP Vaccination catch up	10.00am
Wednesday 9 February	Covid Vaccinations	10.00am
Friday 11 February	School closes for half term holiday	2.30pm
Monday 21 February	All pupils return to school	8.30am
Wednesday 2 March*	Revision Plan Parents' Evening	4.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday 3 March	Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening	4.00 - 6.30pm
Monday 7 March	Year 11 Revision Plan begins	
Thursday 10 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening	4.00 - 6.30pm
Thursday 17 March	Year 10 Reports & Parents' Evening	4.0 - 6.30pm

*\*Please note a change in date: Revision Plan Parents' Evening was Tuesday 1 March now Wednesday 2 March.*

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**